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SUBJECT: IS TRAINING SCHOOL, POLOSKE, Hungary

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1. An intelligence training school, which is nominally under the supervision of the security section of the Hungarian Ministry of Interior and is actually run by Russian personnel with MGB affiliation, is located about 10 km. southeast of Zalaegerszeg at POLOSKE (V20). The school, which has been in operation since the fall of 1951, trains Hungarians in espionage work in the West.

The head of the school is MGB Colonel ISTOK (fnu), who, though Hungarian by birth, spent many years in the USSR. ISTOK's second in command is MGB Major AGABEKOV (fnu) who speaks only Russian. Leaders of the Officers' section of the school are Major BUGREZOV and Captain KONASHEVICH; SKURIDIN and CHAIKIN are in charge of the NCO section. All four are officers of the MGB who speak little or no Hungarian and deal with the trainees through an interpreter.

3. Instruction of officers last one year and of NCOs a half a year. As of June 1952, there were approximately 150 officers and 100 NCOs in training at the school.

4. Subjects of Instruction:

a. Guerrilla tactics: Particular attention is given to guerrilla tactics, self-defense, and street fighting. The latter includes the attack and defense of buildings. The instruction in these Subjects is given by Russians who had considerable experience with guerrilla warfare during World War II.

b. Combat engineer training: Mine laying and mine clearing; the use of booby traps and explosives. Only Russian products are used in the course of instruction. Some of the instructors are Hungarian Army combat engineers.

c. Intelligence training: Study of uniforms and insignia of Western Armies and of the police and borderguard of West Germany. Weapons and tactics of the American, British, French, and Canadian Armies; this instruction includes the assembly, disassembly, and destruction of "enemy" weapons. Study of the priority of objectives.

d. Linguistic studies: In one of the officers' divisions Russian, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, and Czech is taught and in the other: English, German, and French. The instruction of the NCOs is similar to the one received by officers, except that it is shorter and less emphasis is placed on foreign languages.